

16. The control system of claim 15 wherein said management program includes as second functions utility functions for operating the household appliance.
18. The control system of claim 9 wherein said [status information] data includes parameters identifying the progress of a program being performed by the appliance.
19. The control system of claim 9 wherein said data [status information] includes diagnostic messages for the technical servicing of the appliance.
32. An appliance control system for use with a household appliance that includes an appliance control panel, the system including:
- A. an electronic control unit for controlling the operations of an appliance, the electronic control unit containing stored first information for controlling predetermined first functions that are selectable using the appliance control panel and stored second information for controlling predetermined second functions that can not be selected using the appliance control panel [of the appliance];
 - B. selection means for supplying to the electronic control unit data that selects one or more of the first functions and provides related parameter values[, the first functions corresponding to appliance operations that are selectable using the appliance control panel];
 - C. connection means for interfacing with an external electronic device, the connection means transferring from the external electronic device to the electronic control unit data that selects one or more of the second functions and provides related parameter values,